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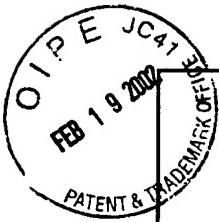
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Application Number	09/873,571
Filing Date	6/4/01
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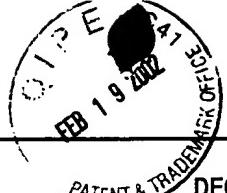
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Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
09/521,801	3/9/2000	Pending

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